



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Yates, AQMD Governing Board Member, LGSBA Chairman
Greg Adams, L.A. County Sanitation District
Felipe Aguirre, Vice Mayor, City of Maywood
Eric Busch, Representative, South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Daniel Cunningham, Metal Finishing Association
Jacob Haik, Office of School Board Member Richard Vladovic
Maria Elena Kennedy, Kennedy Communications
Kelly Moulton, Paralegal
Steve Mugg, South Orange County Representative, City of Mission Viejo

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ronald Loveridge, AQMD Governing Board Member, LGSBA Vice Chairman
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California/All Metals
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy
James R. Krausz, Esq., ALA Inland Counties
Angelo Logan, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Art Montez, AMA International

OTHERS PRESENT:

Earl Elrod, Board Member Assistant (*Yates*)
Bob Ulloa, Board Member Assistant (*Yates*)
Nicole Nishimura, Board Member Assistant (*Lyou*)
Rita Loof, Radtech

AQMD STAFF:

Philip Crabbe, Community Relations Manager
Nancy Feldman, Principal Deputy District Counsel
Ruby Fernandez, Deputy District Counsel II
Anupom Ganguli, Asst. Deputy Executive Officer
Lori Langrell, Secretary
Cheryl Marshall, Program Supervisor
Susan Nakamura, Planning & Rules Manager
Ricardo A. Rivera, Senior Staff Specialist
Greg Ushijima, Air Quality Engineer II
Jill Whynot, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair Dennis Yates called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of April 9, 2010 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

Chair Yates called for approval of the meeting minutes.

The April 9, 2010 meeting minutes were approved.

There were no action items that arose out of the April 9, 2010 meeting.

Agenda Item #3 – Clean Communities Plan

Ms. Susan Nakamura provided an air toxics control overview update, and discussed the Clean Communities Plan.

Mr. Eric Busch asked what the estimated time frame is for implementation of the Clean Communities Plan. Ms. Nakamura responded that the Plan is still in draft, and has not been approved by the Board. Currently there is communication with cities, and it is approximately a one to two year process. Mr. Busch asked if this is a voluntary process for the communities. Ms. Nakamura replied that AQMD provides a template and guidance to a particular community, and they can develop their own Plan with AQMD assistance. Dr. Ganguli added that the AQMD has no authority on land-use decisions, and can only provide input.

Ms. Kelly Moulton asked if the one-click complaint system is new, and if it will be shared inter-agency. Ms. Nakamura indicated that currently on the AQMD website one must go through several layers. The process is being streamlined, and we also have an iPhone app which offers a way to register complaints as well.

Mr. Felipe Aguirre asked if many complaints originate outside of Boyle Heights, and will there be multi-agency coordination. Ms. Nakamura indicated that in order to be successful you must have multiple agency coordination between neighboring cities. As an example Ms. Nakamura cited the proposed stadium in the City of Industry, which has an impact on the cities of Diamond Bar and Walnut as well.

Agenda Item #4 –Rule 1420.1 – Emissions Standards for Lead from Lead-Acid Battery Recycling Facilities

Ms. Cheryl Marshall provided a presentation regarding emission standards for lead from lead-acid battery recycling facilities.

Ms. Moulton asked how many of these types of facilities are located within the South Coast basin. Ms. Marshall replied that there are two.

Mr. Aguirre inquired if the entire production is going to be enclosed, or just where the battery breaking takes place. Ms. Marshall replied that it starts with the battery breaking, but a larger enclosure can be made as well.

Agenda Item #5 – Briefing on New EPA Standards for Light-Duty Vehicles

Ms. Jill Whynot provided a briefing on the new EPA standards for light-duty vehicles.

Mr. Greg Adams asked if this impacts the lighter SUVs. Ms. Whynot affirmed this. Mr. Adams then asked if the net effect is smaller cars. Ms. Whynot replied she isn't sure if it is smaller, lighter, or just improved combustion; it can be hybrid, electric, or lighter cars since it is a fleet average.

Agenda Item #6 – Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities

No comments.

Agenda Item #7 – Update on Climate Change Activities (Written Report)

Ms. Jill Whynot provided a written report on climate change activities.

Agenda Item #8 - Other Business

Mr. Busch addressed the group and announced that he has recently become the Mayor of El Segundo and announced his resignation from the LGSBA Advisory Group. Chair Yates on behalf of the group wished him well.

Agenda Item #9 - Public Comment

No comments.

Agenda Item #10 - Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.